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## TOGETHER, WE ARE DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to ask you to consider me as a board member for the Library Advisory board.

I have lived in Gallup since the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and I love this community, the people, the food, and the blend of unique cultures that are represented.

As the Managing Regional Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters, I am passionate about seeing youth succeed and helping them achieve educational success. Having a functioning and multi-faceted library is an important part of helping youth and adults with achieving success and bringing the community together.

Our organization serves primarily low-income youth living in single-parent homes. These youth have extremely limited resources and the library offers a safe space to go to along with access to a variety of books and computer usage that they may not have at home.

In addition to the natural partnership between the library and Big Brothers Big Sisters, I am heavily involved in many community groups and can help promote the library's mission and resources to the community. Because of my community involvement, I feel I can help speak to the needs and concerns of community members.

I also have strong ties to several school districts including McKinley County School District, Rehoboth, Zuni, and Window Rock Unified School District which I think could be helpful in terms of partnering with the library.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel to reach out to me if you have questions for me.

Best Regards,

Sarah Piano

Managing Regional Director